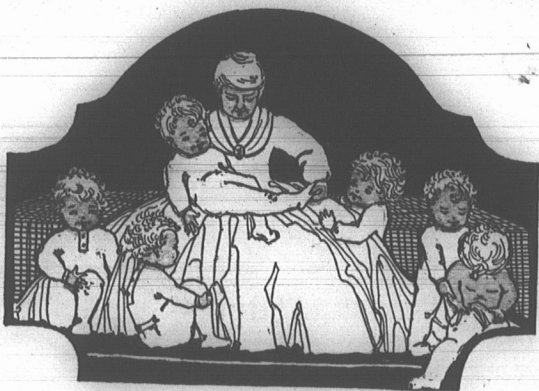


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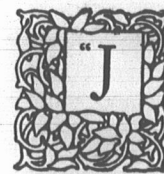
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CHARACTERS:

Mrs. Want-To-Do-Right
Mr. Want-To-Do-Right
Jane, the four-year-old daughter
Smilo, a Health Sprite
The picture people
Mother Wise and her six children
The health doctor



JUST a weeny bit more, Jane dear!" Mrs. Want-To-Do-Right held a spoonful of oatmeal patiently before her four-year-old daughter. Her voice was coaxing, caressing, and Jane was enjoying this attention. She shook her head vigorously, then pushed her mother's hand away.

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"I want some of that, Mumsy," whined the little queen — "some of that like you and Daddy," and she pointed to the French fried potatoes on Daddy's dish.

Mother looked at Daddy in distress. "She'll never be satisfied, dear, until she's tasted your potatoes. Poor Jane eats so little now. It worries me to death."

"Oh, a tiny taste won't hurt her. Here, little honey." Mr. Want-To-Do-Right cut off the smallest possible fraction of fried potato, which was quickly consumed by Jane.

"Now, Janey, a little more oatmeal and then your dessert."

But Jane's taste for a little more oatmeal was spoiled. And when it came to dessert, her custard was shoved aside while she coaxed for some mince pie. Now Jane wasn't used to being refused. So when she found that coaxing didn't work, she indulged in a temper tantrum. Mrs. Want-To-Do-Right carried her, sobbing, to bed, and after pacing the floor for an hour, gave in to Jane's request to leave the light on. Mrs. Want-To-Do-Right leaned wearily against the living room door, her head in her hands.

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"Whatever shall I do about Jane," she sighed. "She fusses so about her food."

Mr. Want-To-Do-Right agreed that something should be done and by way of assistance sank into a morris chair and buried himself in the newspaper.

All at once a funny elf came bouncing in the window. It was Smilo, one of the Health Sprites. He tripped over to Mrs. Want-To-Do-Right and patted her head gently. She looked up, and watched Smilo in surprise. He jumped over to Mr. Want-To-Do-Right and pulled the newspaper out of his hands.

"Hello," grinned Smilo, his hands on his hips. "Don't let me bother you, but I want to show you something. It's a picture called 'Children that don't fuss about their food and why.'"

Before Mr. and Mrs. Want-To-Do-Right could decide whether to offer Smilo their hospitality or put him out, he had erected a blackboard before the bewildered couple and was drawing pictures that promised fair to answer their problem.

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The pictures he drew were about Mother Wise, who had six healthy children all the same size.

The foods that she gave them were wholesome you see — not even small tastes of sweets, coffee, or tea.

They were served *right on time*, for Mother Wise knew that regular habits made illnesses few.

The children all fed themselves — thought it a treat. They spilled things at first, but soon learned how to eat.

The talk at the table was jolly and gay, not a word about food, but what games they would play.

If one of the children, John, Henry, or Mabel, complained of the food and fussed at the table, Mother Wise didn't notice and the child soon found out that it wasn't much fun to go hungry and pout.

Twice a year Mother Wise transported her flock to the family doctor just to "take stock," to find small defects before damage was done, and suggest healthful habits for each little one.

So the six tiny children of good Mother Wise grew tall, strong, and straight — rosy cheeks — shining eyes.

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Quite suddenly the blackboard, elf and all, disappeared. Mrs. Want-To-Do-Right rubbed her eyes and looked at her husband. That look meant "Did you see what I saw?" And Mr. Want-To-Do-Right understood.

"It's a lesson, all right," he said, slowly. "Funny, how much little things count. I didn't ever stop to think that talking about the food would make Jane finicky."

"That's it," said Mrs. Want-To-Do-Right. "It's all so simple — just a question of little things that we didn't think about — or rather, thought too much about."

"And I certainly haven't been much of a help," replied Mr. Want-To-Do-Right, "feeding the kid from my plate and always asking her whether she liked things. Well, never too late to begin."

And Mr. and Mrs. Want-To-Do-Right wound the clock, and put the cat out and determined to do differently.

THE END

WHEN measures commonly used in child training fail, parents are advised to have their children examined at one of the following clinics :

IN BOSTON

For children of all ages :

Boston Psychopathic Hospital, 74 Fenwood Road
Out-Patient Department Week days, 9-10.30 A.M.

Judge Baker Foundation
40 Court Street By appointment only Week days

For children under six years of age : (Habit Clinics)

South Bay Union
640 Harrison Avenue Tuesday mornings

Roxbury Crossing
1049 Columbus Avenue Wednesday mornings

New England Hospital for Women and Children
Dimick Street, Roxbury Thursday mornings

North End
41 North Margin Street Thursday afternoons

Boston Dispensary, 25 Bennet Street Friday mornings

West End, 17 Blossom Street Saturday mornings

OUTSIDE OF BOSTON

For children of all ages :

Pittsfield, Child Guidance Clinic, House of Mercy
Monday afternoons

Springfield, Child Guidance Clinic, Springfield Hospital
Wednesday afternoons

For children under six years of age : (Habit Clinics)

Beverly, Beverly Health Unit 2d Wednesday of the month

Lawrence, Lawrence General Hospital Friday afternoons

Lowell, Lowell Corp. Hospital Wednesday afternoons

Lynn, Lynn General Hospital Wednesday afternoons

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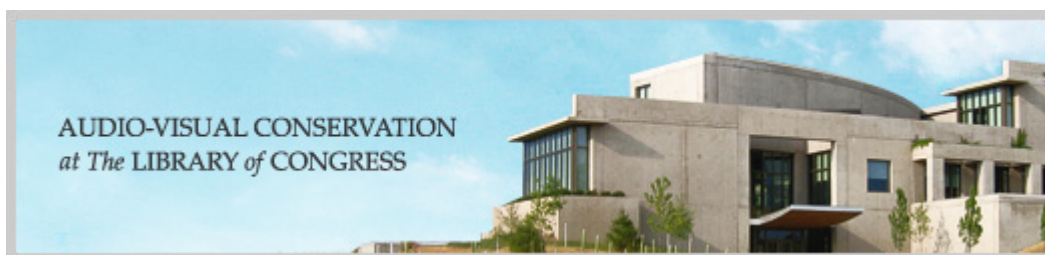
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